



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Public Works**

Date: December 2, 2003
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Referral to: CPED referral to Community Development And Ways and Means Committee
Subject: **CPED Action Authorizing Agreements with MnDot for Federal Funds for the Bassett Creek Valley Area Portion of Van White Memorial Boulevard.**

Recommendation: Our Staff has worked closely with the CPED Staff in the development of the agreements. Public Works concurs with the language, and requests approval from the Committee.

Previous Directives:

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Approved by:

Klara A. Fabry, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

Presenters: Darrell Washington, CPED Senior Project Coordinator.
Representing Public Works: Bob Carlson, Engineer II, Engineering Services
Lois Eberhart, Project Manager for Heritage Park Infrastructure & Open Space

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

☐ No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget

☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget

☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves

☒ Other financial impact (Explain):

☐ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information: Attached CPED Action:

Minneapolis Community Development Agency

Request for City Council Action

Date: December 02, 2003

To: Council Member Sandra Colvin Roy, Transportation and Public Works Committee
Council Member Barbara Johnson, Ways & Means/Budget Committee

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Presented by: Darrell Washington

Approved by: Lee Sheehy, Interim Director, CPED
Chuck Lutz, Deputy Director, CPED _____

Subject: (1) Authorize the appropriate City officials to execute and enter into agreements with the State of Minnesota for use of federal aid funds for the Bassett Creek Valley area portion of Van White Memorial Boulevard, and (2) approve a resolution that appoints the Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation as Agent of the City to accept the federal aid funds.

Previous Directives: The City Council on March 24, 2000 approved the Near Northside and Bassett Creek Valley Master Plans. The City Council on July 28, 2000 approved a recommendation to select the central corridor alignment for the North-South Boulevard. On May 18, 2001, the City Council approved the financing strategy for the North-South Boulevard, and directed staff to plan/design the North-South Boulevard with planning costs likely to be funded by Hennepin County. On December 28, 2001 the City Council approved an appropriation increase of \$10 million for federal transportation funding for the Bassett Creek Valley area portion of the new North-South Boulevard Greenway (subsequently renamed Van White Memorial Boulevard). On February 14, 2003, the City Council authorized staff to execute a purchase agreement for Scrap Metal Processors, Inc., recommended that no City Capital dollars be expended on projected budget gaps for the Van White Memorial Boulevard segment south of 4th Ave N., and encouraged staff to seek non-city resources to fill budget gaps and increase amenity levels.

Neighborhood Group Notification: All affected neighborhood groups have been notified. The Near Northside Master Plan and Bassett Creek Valley Master Plan were the subject of an extensive community process in 2000 and 2001.

Consistency with *Building a City That Works*: The Heritage Park development is consistent with Goal 2: Ensure that an array of housing choices exists to meet the needs of our current residents and attract new residents to the city.

Comprehensive Plan Compliance: The construction of Van White Memorial Boulevard is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

Zoning Code Compliance: Complies

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Impact on MCDA Budget: (Check those that apply)

- ☒ No financial impact
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the MCDA Budget
- ☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- ☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- ☐ Other financial impact (Explain):

Living Wage / Business Subsidy: Will comply

Job Linkage: Will Comply

Affirmative Action Compliance: The contractor selected to construct this roadway will be required to comply with all applicable MCDA and City affirmative action goals.

Recommendation:

City Council Recommendations:

1. Authorize the appropriate City officials to execute and enter into agreements with the State of Minnesota that prescribe the terms and conditions of federal aid participation for the construction of the Van White Memorial Boulevard segment south of approximately 4th Avenue North; and
2. Approve a resolution appointing the Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation as Agent of the City of Minneapolis, pursuant to Minnesota Stat. Sec. 161.36, to accept federal aid funds made available for the Van White Memorial Boulevard segment south of approximately 4th Avenue North.

Background/Supporting Information

On March 24, 2000, the City Council approved the Heritage Park and Bassett Creek Valley Master Plans. As the plans were developed with significant community involvement, several similar development themes were found to exist in both plans. Specifically, the plans 1) provide an orderly mix of housing and other land uses, 2) establish a street network that links the sites to adjacent neighborhoods; and 3) create a cohesive parks and open space system. These similar design concepts were largely distilled from the finding that both areas -- the former public housing sites and the Bassett Creek Valley area -- were identified by community participants as being isolated from other parts of the city. A solution identified in both plans called for the construction of a parkway styled boulevard linking north and south Minneapolis, thus hopefully encouraging and strengthening connections and access to employment, recreational, cultural and educational resources.

Through the assistance of U.S. Representative Martin Sabo's office, the Heritage Park project in 2001 was able to secure a federal grant of \$10.0 million to build the north-south boulevard. Specifically, these funds are to be used toward acquisition of private property, obtaining easements for right-of-way, demolition, pollution clean-up, and roadway and bridge construction activities for the Bassett Creek Valley area portion of the new Van White Memorial Boulevard. On December 28, 2001, the City Council approved a \$10 million appropriation increase for the grant. Since that time City staff has worked with the state and federal transportation agencies to further

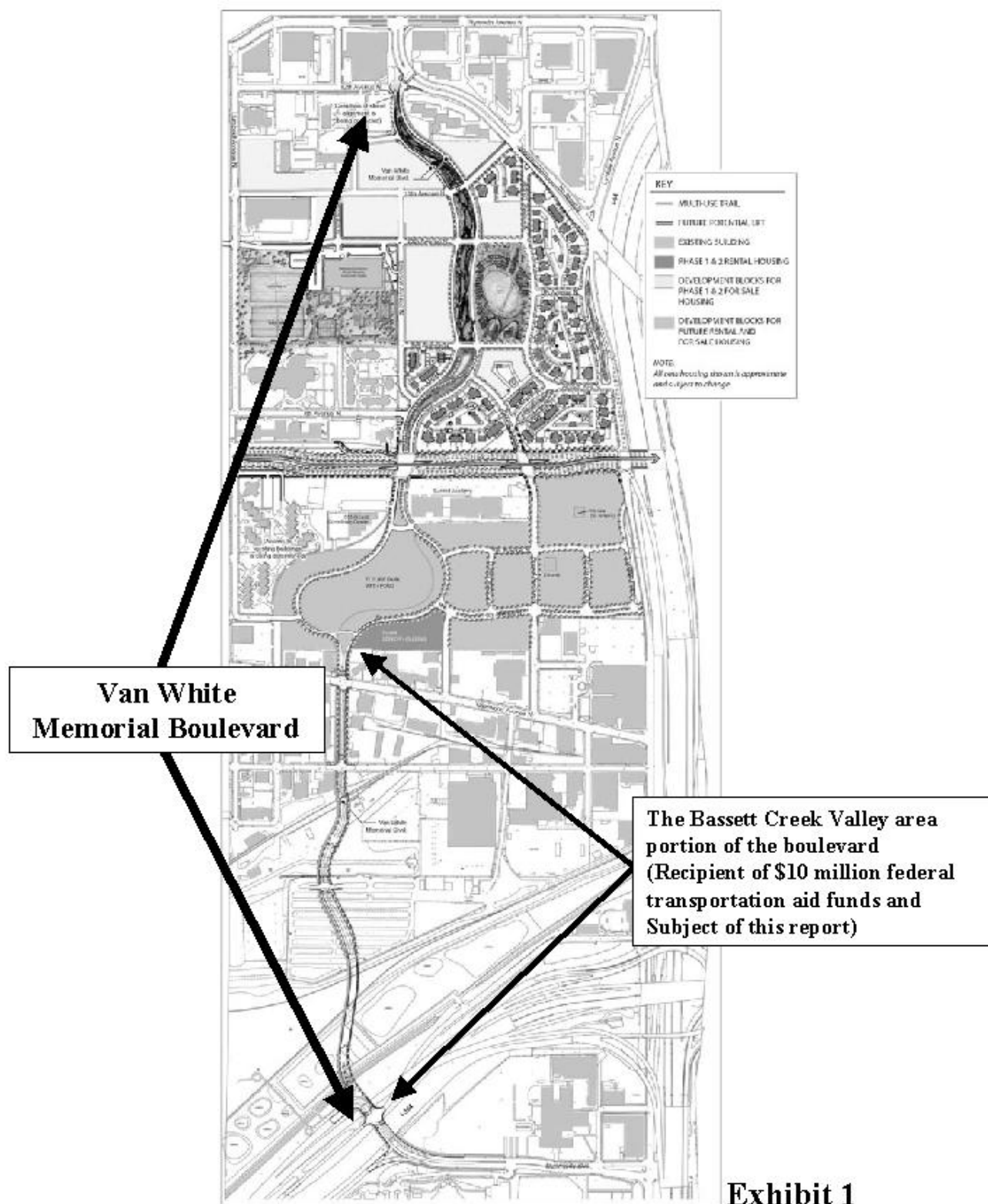
the right-of-way and construction planning, secure Project Memorandum approval, and define terms and conditions for use of the federal dollars.

To construct the portion of the Van White Memorial Boulevard in the Bassett Creek Valley area, some land will need to be acquired from private owners. Negotiations between the MCDA and one of those private owners, Scrap Metal Processors, Inc., have successfully been completed.

Van White Memorial Boulevard

The boulevard will extend from Plymouth Avenue on the north and connect at its southern end to Dunwoody Boulevard (see Exhibit 1). The boulevard will allow parking in some areas and is currently being designed to have one travel lane in each direction. The boulevard will be transit-ready and contain a six-foot sidewalk along one side and a 10-foot multi-use trail along the other side. Throughout its length, the boulevard is designed to enhance the experience for residents, pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and businesses with landscaping and pedestrian-scale lighting. The bicycle/multi-use trail will link to the Cedar Lake Trail and the future Bassett Creek Trail.

As the boulevard passes through Heritage Park (between 12th Ave N and 4th Ave. N) it will be constructed as a parkway-style, divided roadway containing a variable width median. South of 4th Avenue North, the boulevard will cross at-grade a lightly used rail track, extend through the Minneapolis Impound Lot, and bridge over two heavily used rail lines.



REFERRED TO (NAME OF) COMMITTEE

DATE

RESOLUTION of the CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

Appointing the Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation as Agent of the City to accept federal aid funds

Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That pursuant to Minnesota Stat. Sec. 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation be appointed as Agent of the City of Minneapolis to accept as its agent, federal aid funds relating to the project known as Van White Memorial Boulevard.

Be It Further Resolved that the Mayor, Finance Officer, and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the City to execute and enter into agreements with the Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation that prescribe the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation funds for the project known as Van White Memorial Boulevard.

Certified as an official action of the City Council

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE (X INDICATES VOTE)													
Council Member	Aye	Nay	Not Voting	Absent	Vote To Override	Vote To Sustain	Council Member	Aye	Nay	Not Voting	Absent	Vote To Override	Vote To Sustain
President Ostrow							Goodman						
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Zerby							Schiff						
Samuelst							Niziolek						
Johnson							Benson						
Johnson Lee							Colvin Roy						
Zimmerman							Lane						

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ATTEST

CITY CLERK

MAYOR